

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., November 14th, 1883.P
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Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Birchard
Director.

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Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

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 of Seligman & Co. to
 furnish 50,000 of silver;
 & rejecting that of
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